

HEDGEHOGS.

Venom of the Most Poisonous Snake Does Not Affect Them.

An interesting fact about hedgehogs is that perhaps not many persons know that the bites of even the most poisonous serpents have no effect on them whatever. Mr. Lenz, a naturalist, once watched a fight between a hedgehog and a viper and gives a most interesting description of it. He says that when the hedgehog came near the snake she began to smell it, for the sight of these animals is so poor that they depend almost entirely on the sense of smell, and then she seized its head with her teeth.

In a moment the snake had freed itself and, darting at the hedgehog, bit it several times, but the little animal did not seem to mind the bites at all, and when the snake was tired out with its efforts she again seized its head, which she ground beneath her teeth, poisonous fangs and all. Then she devoured almost the whole of its body.

M. Lenz also tells of a pet hedgehog that he kept in his house in a large box. Several times he put some adders into the box, which the hedgehog did not seem to fear at all, but attacked them fiercely and, as in the case of the other, was never in the least affected by their poisonous bites.

A man who had a pet hedgehog in his possession for a long time says that he had often seen it throw itself off the top of a wall fourteen feet in height. Without pausing a moment it would contract itself into a soft, fluffy ball and fall to the ground so lightly that almost immediately it would unfold itself and run off.—Chicago Chronicle.

Animals and Fire.

Rattlesnakes won't run from fire, but instead strike till the last at the flames about them. This is true of many animals, especially of horses, who will rush back into a burning barn, apparently blind with rage, striking with their hoofs and switching their tails in great anger.

The flight of wild birds during migrating time against lighthouses is more like the action of the green bicyclist who rides against a trolley car or wagon as if hypnotized by it and in spite of his fears.

Gorillas, it is said, delight in fire, drawing closer to the flames as the fire dies down and at last wading in the red-hot ashes, apparently enchanted and not feeling the burning coals.

A little fire built beneath one of the pear shaped paper wasp nests that are seen hanging from low branches will kill every wasp in it, as the insects fly at it only by one in their endeavors to save their home and young.

Frogs leap through the flames of a little bonfire time and time again, as if having the most pleasing of fun. It may be, though, that they think the flickering flames to be some new sort of insect.

Strange Captivity.

The springbok of South Africa migrate in vast herds, moving in a compact body and carrying everything before them. If a flock of sheep be in the line of march—as it sometimes happens—it is surrounded, enveloped and becomes, willingly or unwillingly, part of the army. An African hunter tells the strange story of seeing a lion in the midst of the antelopes, forced to join the march. It is supposed that the lion had sprung too far for his prey, that those upon whom he alighted recoiled sufficiently to allow him to reach the ground, and then the pressure from both flanks and the rear prevented him from escaping from his strange captivity. If the springbok travels in such armies, how can those in the middle and rear find food? In this wise: Those in the front ranks, after they have eaten greedily of the pasture, gradually fall out of the ranks to rest, while the hungry ones in the rear come up, and so the columns are all the while changing.

Mad Him Beat.

The head day porter and the head night porter of a hotel, according to the San Francisco Chronicle, became involved in a discussion on ages. The head night porter confessed to thirty-eight.

"H'm! Say, I've got you beat ten years," declared the head day.

"You mean to tell me you're only twenty-eight?" demanded the head night.

"I should say not. I'm just forty-eight," explained the head day, with an expression of withering disdain.

"Then you ain't got me beat ten years. I've got you beat just ten years. Say, I got ten years comin' that you won't see again."

"Look here, man," declared the head day, "you ain't got no sense. I'm sure of them ten years, 'cause I've seen 'em an' been through 'em. You ain't sure of yours. You might die tomorrow."

A Source of Contagion.

It has been proved by abundant investigation that one prolific source of epidemic diseases is found in the liability of the germs of such diseases to lodge in the mouth around the teeth and gums. A physician examined the teeth of the children of a certain school. He found disease germs present in almost every case. By careful watching he discovered that those children whose teeth were kept cleanest suffered less from epidemic diseases. The neglected condition of the teeth is, therefore, a common cause of illness. Indeed, if one takes the trouble to observe with what rapidity the tartar and cheesy matter accumulate around the teeth of people who are out of health they will not be long in making up their minds that a thorough and judicious use of the toothbrush is not very far from a means of grace.

Making It Worse.

"What silly verses that woman is reciting!"

"I wrote them, sir!"

"Ah—oh, yes—to be sure—clever lines, but horribly delivered, don't you know. Woman must be a fool to bungle 'em so. Who is she?"

"My wife, sir!"

Comparisons.

This is not a joke. It is a brief dissertation on astronomy. A variable star is one whose brightness has been observed to diminish or increase. The best known variable is in the constellation Perseus. It was called by the Arabians Algol, which means the demon star. This shows that the Arabians knew a thing or two themselves. Algol, which is larger than our sun, is partially eclipsed every 2 days 20 hours 48 minutes and 55.4 seconds by an invisible body about the size of our sun. In observing this phenomenon it is necessary to have in mind the fraction of a second; otherwise you will be liable to miss it. Algol is so far away from the earth that we do not hear the rush of the wind as the two ponderous bodies rush around each other. Compared with the distance of Algol, the diameter of the earth's orbit, which is about 185,000,000 miles, shrinks into an invisible point. When one reflects upon the vastness of such distances and the almost unimaginable activity displayed when two such tremendous bodies revolve around each other at a prodigious speed without a hitch or a change in the programme, the excitement about the amount of our gas bills seems puny indeed.—Portland Oregonian.

She Couldn't See the Barn.

An old lady in New Hampshire decided to try matrimony for the second time in extreme old age. Her children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren expostulated with her, but she remained firm and declared she was going to marry the man, says the Boston Herald.

"Why, you're too old," said they. "You are losing your faculties. You can't see. If this man was on the other side of the street you couldn't tell him from any one else."

The old lady said she was going to marry him. "Now, we'll put the man on top of the barn, and you shall stand in the kitchen door. If you can see him on the barn you shall marry him."

The prospective bridegroom sat on the ridgepole of the barn, the old lady came to the door, looked, shaded her eyes and looked again.

"Do you see him?" cried the family. "Oh, yes," was the reply. "I can see the man all right, but I can't see the barn!"

Honest Sweden.

The Swedes are punctiliously honest and truthful. When asking for places at a theater, for instance, the ticket clerk never fails to inform the applicant if, owing to the crowded state of the house, a better position would be secured with a cheaper ticket than the one asked for. Again, when parcels are taken out by steamers from Stockholm to country places in the neighborhood, they are just thrown on to the quay, where they frequently remain half the day without being claimed. It never seems to occur to any one that they could be possibly taken by any one but their rightful owners.

On a canal trip of any length a little book lies in the saloon of the steamer in which each passenger keeps his own account of the number of meals and drinks that he has taken during the journey.

Alexis Piron, a native of Dijon, is perhaps most notorious for his epigrams. "Here lies Piron, who was nothing—not even an academician." One night he was asked at a party if he could tell the difference between a woman and a mirror. "A woman," he replied, "talks without reflecting; a mirror reflects without talking." Upon this a lady asked, "Can you now, M. Piron, tell me the difference between a man and a mirror?" And as Piron remained silent she went on, "A mirror is always polished, while a man sometimes is not."

Wondrous Evolution.

"In the slow evolution of the race," mused the elephant, looking with languid interest at the throng of curious gazers that stood on the outside of the ropes and fed him with cakes, peanuts and candy, "how many millions of years it must require to evolve from the shapeless and rudimentary projection on the face of the creature called man the full and perfect proboscis!"

The Dardanelles.

The Dardanelles is celebrated in ancient history on account of Xerxes and Alexander having crossed it, the former in 480 B. C. to enter Europe and the latter in 334 B. C. to enter Asia. At the point where Alexander crossed young Leander nightly swam the Hellespont to visit Hero—a feat performed in modern times by Lord Byron.

Good Breeding.

A man's own good breeding is the best security against other people's ill manners. It carries along with it a dignity that is respected by the most petulant. Ill breeding invites and authorizes the familiarity of the most timid. No man ever said a pert thing to the Duke of Marlborough. No man ever said a civil one to Sir Robert Walpole.—Chesterfield.

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Getting Him in Line.

Dr. Younger—You're a little bit under weight. You don't eat enough. Mr. Muesel—Nonsense! If I were to eat more I'd have dyspepsia. Dr. Younger—I know that, but that's my specialty, you know.—Exchange.

Price of It.

Tomkins—That's a handsome umbrella you've got there, Gibbs. Gibbs—Yes, Tomkins. Tomkins—About how much does it cost to carry an umbrella like that? Gibbs—Eternal vigilance—illustrated bits.

BAND CONCERT

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On account of Wednesday being the Fourth of July, the band concert to have been given on the Palmer House balcony will take place to-night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Besides a selection of popular numbers, the following special compositions will be rendered:

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"Among the Cabins," a selection of old-time plantation songs.

It's Up to Canada Now.

Congress did well by Niagara. The preservation of that waterfall appealed to many so much that the pressure on congress to act was very strong, and the bill which it passed seems likely to accomplish its purpose. It treats the Niagara river as a navigable stream, and the New York state franchises therefore as invalid, as navigable boundary streams are exclusively under federal control. Whatever the present power companies are permitted to do is only at the government's will, and the total withdrawal is limited to an amount intended to keep the deterioration from proceeding further. The life of the bill, and of permits under it, is three years. By the end of that time it is expected that there will be a permanent treaty with Canada for the preservation of the Falls—a step toward the accomplishment of which the president is directed to begin negotiations. Mr. Roosevelt is genuinely interested in saving the falls and will now proceed promptly. Canada, we are sure, will make an enlightened and generous response.—Collier's for July 7.

Graves County Affair.

Julian Fristoe, son of Robert Fristoe, and Leon Baldry, son of Robert Baldry, both about 18 years old, engaged in a fight near Folsomdale, Graves county, Sunday and the latter was seriously cut. The boys are well to do and the trial will be held this week.

Forcible Detainer for Policy.

Judge Lightfoot Saturday issued an order in court forcing James Buford, colored, to turn over to the court a life insurance policy on the life of Henry Wilson, lunatic. Buford has refused to give up the policy. Wilson is now in the asylum.

Writ of Delivery.

A writ of delivery was issued by Justice Charles Emery Saturday against Charles Jordan in favor of Ross Thomas for a horse. The horse was secured.

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South Bound	101	108	121
Lv. Cincinnati	8:00am	8:00pm	7:30am
Lv. Louisville	12:01pm	9:40pm	7:30am
Lv. Owensboro	6:30pm	9:00am	
Lv. Horse Branch	2:28pm	12:00am	11:00am
Lv. Central City	3:30pm	1:00am	12:30pm
Lv. Nortonville	4:08pm	1:40am	1:20pm
Lv. Evansville	12:00pm	4:40pm	8:30am
Lv. Nashville	7:00pm	8:00am	
Lv. Hopkinsville	9:45pm	11:20am	
Lv. Princeton	4:56pm	2:27am	9:30pm

Ar. Paducah	6:10pm	3:40am	4:15pm
Lv. Paducah	6:15pm	3:45am	4:20pm

Ar. Fulton	7:20pm	4:50am	6:00pm
Ar. Gibson, Tenn.	8:06pm	5:31am	
Ar. Rives	8:10pm	6:01am	
Ar. Jackson	8:10pm	7:15am	
Ar. Memphis	11:10pm	8:20am	
Ar. N. Orleans	10:55am	8:15pm	

North Bound	102	104	122
Lv. N. Orleans	7:10pm	9:15am	
Lv. Memphis	8:44am	8:40pm	
Lv. Jackson	9:07am	10:10pm	
Lv. Rives	10:15am	11:50pm	
Lv. Fulton	10:15am	12:55pm	6:00am

Ar. Paducah	11:20am	1:48am	7:40am
Lv. Paducah	11:25am	1:53am	7:45am

Ar. Princeton	12:30pm	3:00am	9:20am
Ar. Hopkinsville	6:15pm	3:40am	
Ar. Nashville	9:25pm	8:10am	
Ar. Evansville	3:45pm	9:45am	
Ar. Central City	1:20pm	5:10am	10:30am
Ar. Nortonville	2:00pm	4:30am	11:30am
Ar. Horse Branch	3:00pm	5:15am	12:50pm
Ar. Owensboro	4:50pm	6:00am	4:50pm
Ar. Louisville	5:30pm	7:50am	4:55pm
Ar. Cincinnati	8:15pm	12:00 m	

ST. LOUIS DIVISION
North Bound

Lv. Paducah	12:40pm	4:20pm
Ar. Carbondale	4:25pm	8:40pm
Ar. Chicago	6:00am	6:30am
Ar. St. Louis	8:06pm	7:30am

South Bound	805	875
Lv. St. Louis	7:15am	9:40pm
Lv. Chicago	2:50am	6:20pm
Lv. Carbondale	11:40am	7:00am
Lv. Paducah	3:25pm	11:00am

CAIRO-NASHVILLE LINE
North Bound

Lv. Nashville	8:10am	5:40 am
Lv. Hopkinsville	11:20am	7:45 am
Lv. Princeton	5:30 pm	

Ar. Paducah	4:15 pm	9:45 am
Lv. Paducah	4:20 pm	9:50 am

Ar. Cairo	7:45 pm	4:10 am
Ar. St. Louis	7:30 am	4:10 pm
Ar. Chicago	6:30 am	9:30 pm

South Bound	120	125
Lv. Chicago	6:30 pm	9:40 am
Lv. St. Louis	9:40 pm	1:50 pm
Lv. Cairo	6:00 am	5:55 pm

Ar. Paducah	7:45 am	7:40 pm
Lv. Paducah	7:50 am	8:10 pm

Ar. Princeton	9:10am	4:45 pm
Ar. Hopkinsville	9:10am	4:45 pm
Ar. Nashville	9:10am	4:45 pm

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